

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention--;**

in line 3, before "invention" insert --present--;  
in line 4, change "devices an modems" to --devices and modems--;  
after line 5, insert --

**Description of the Related Art--;**

in line 6, after "ADSL" insert --(Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line)--;  
in line 7, before "future" insert --the--;  
in line 11, change "plugin" to --plug-in--;  
in line 18, before "interface" insert --an--, before "terminal" insert --a-- and  
before "modem" insert --a--;  
in line 19, after "PPP" insert --(point to point protocol)--; and  
in line 21, after "For this purpose," insert --the publication--.

On page 2, after line 5, insert --

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;** and

in line 6, replace "The" with --An--.

On page 3, in line 9, change "dat" to --data--;  
after line 11, insert --

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;**

in lines 13 and 14, delete "SHown are:";  
in line 15, after "Figure 1" insert --is a block diagram showing--;  
in line 17, after "Figure 2" insert --is a chart showing--;  
after line 18, insert --

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;**

in line 19, change "3, 4" to --3 and 4--;

in line 21, change "3, 4" to --3 and 4--;  
in line 22, change "1, 2" to --1 and 2--;  
in line 23, change "1, 2" to --1 or 2--;  
in line 24, change "3, 4" to --3 or 4--;  
5 in line 25, change "steps S1, S2" to --steps S1 and S2--;  
in line 26, change "1, 2" to --1 or 2--;  
in line 27, change "3, 4" to --3 and 4--;  
in line 29, delete "leading thereto that" and insert --leads to--; and  
in line 30, change "request is received by all modems 3, 4" to --request  
10 being received by all of the modems 3 and 4--.

On page 4, in line 1, change "3, 4" to --3 and 4--;  
in line 2, before "modem reply" insert --a-- and change "1, 2" to --1 or 2--;  
in line 4, change "1, 2" to --1 or 2-- and change "3, 4" to --3 or 4--;  
in line 5, replace "S5, S6 [sic]" with --S3 and S4--;  
15 in line 9, before "terminal" insert --the-- and before "modem" insert --the--  
;  
in line 13, change "S5, S6" to --S5 and S6--;  
in line 20, change "S7, S8" to --S7 and S8--;  
in line 22, before "modem" insert --the--; and  
20 in line 23, before "terminal device" insert --the--.

On page 5, in line 3, change "S9, S10" to --S9 and S10--;  
in line 4, before "terminal" insert --the-- and before "modem" insert --the--  
;  
in line 5, before "controlled" insert --a--;  
25 in line 9, before "terminal" insert --the--;

in line 12, before "modem" insert --the--.

~~NE~~ On page 7, before "controlled" insert --a--.

in line 22, after "SW" insert ~~--(software)--~~.

Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.

~~Amend the claims as follows:~~

1. (Amended) A method [Method] for connecting terminal devices [(1, 2)] to external modems [(3, 4)], [whereby] a plurality of modems [(3, 4) can enter into connection] being capable of connecting with the terminal devices [(1, 2)] with a local network [(6)], comprising the steps of: [whereby the following steps are implemented for the]

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